

THE PAMUNKEY RIVER FARMS

Splendid Examples of Prosperity in Agricultural Pursuits.

GREAT STOCK RAISING FARM

Over Three Thousand Acres Devoted to Raising and Fattening Cattle for Market.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ETNA MILLS, VA., January 7.—The past few years have been successful with the farmers of this section, notwithstanding the scarcity of labor. All the small farms in what is known as the forest part of this county, off from the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers, have been exceedingly prosperous. Lands that were not worth anything like two dollars cannot be bought for from ten to twenty dollars per acre, and the river farms have been equally prosperous. The large estate, "Lake of the Pamunkey River side of the county, starting at "Horn Quarter" plantation. The present owner, H. B. Smith, Jr., has improved this place by way of repairing all of the buildings, fences, clearing up the woods and putting this place in fourteen hundred acres. Next comes "Township," the plantation owned by Peter Paul, of Richmond. It is well filled by the excellent management of Mr. O. B. Pollard. Mr. Paul has this farm in good shape. Old barns have been repaired and new ones built; new, improved silos have been built to preserve the immense lot of ensilage used for feeding cattle. Mr. Paul is fattening one hundred head of young steers and will be four years old in the spring. These steers are all home grown, picked out from his herd of cattle of four hundred and sixty-five younger steers for next winter feeding for market.

Mr. Paul is a great believer in feeding. Besides the immense lot of corn ensilage, he has a large lot of cottonseed meal come from the south to be used on the ensilage. All of the product of this large plantation of thirty-three hundred and sixty-eight acres are used in feeding the live stock, such as hogs, cattle, horses, mules and calves. All the ditches are well drained, hills and branches cleaned of brush. Fences are kept in good repair. Although, as it seems that Mr. Paul is at his place of business in Richmond at all times, he visits this plantation once or twice a week, drives out from Richmond, a distance of twenty-two miles, late in the evening and getting back to his place of business early in the forenoon.

Next comes the "Oleto" farm, owned by John L. Atkinson, of six hundred acres, who has four sons. This farm is in excellent condition. Mr. Atkinson has built new barns to take care of his crops and stock. This farm is well kept, and is independent. His sons are industrious, intelligent, and can use the new, improved machinery with skill.

Next is "Wyoming," the home of Mrs. Kate Nelson Pollard, that is very fertile. This is Mrs. Pollard's old home, where she was reared. It is one of the most attractive plantations on the Pamunkey and is self-sustaining.

Next are the two "Farm Hills" farms, owned by John R. Redd and J. O. Hutchinson. The farms have new barns, new dwellings and new fences and new, improved machinery are used on them, and are kept in fine shape.

Next comes the "Difficult Hill" farm, owned by John W. Atkinson, who has four sons, who are industrious, intelligent, and can work the improved farm machinery with skill. Mr. Atkinson has recently built new barns, a new dwelling, which is on a high hill, and can be seen at a long distance. This farm is very desirable, for it has several fish ponds, and is nearly surrounded by the Pamunkey River. At this hospitable home, where large crowds gather in the month of August to seine for fish and fry them on log fires.

Another evidence of the prosperity of this section is that the country stores are making money from the fact that they are buying up the lands that were growing up in brush and cultivating them.

PEOPLE IN POWHATAN.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
POWHATAN, VA., Jan. 7.—Notwithstanding the bad weather the young people of this place had a most enjoyable Christmas.

Mrs. R. S. Flanagan had for her guests Misses Annie and Evelyn Stone, of Buchanan, and Misses Mary and Fannie (Norma) School, and her sons, B. L. and R. M. Flanagan.

Mr. Z. Griggs, of Jarrett's, is spending a few days with his family at this place. Mr. W. O. Goode, of Manchester, Va., who spent the holidays with his parents, has returned to his home.

Mr. L. Y. Davis, a student at W. M. C. who has been at home during the Christmas holidays, will leave to-day for college.

Mr. W. L. Goode, also a student at W. M. C., is spending the holidays at home. Miss Gay D. Miller, of this place, who spent her Christmas holidays with Misses Fannie and Helen, will return to-day.

Mr. F. E. Murray, of Danville, spent a few days with friends of this place. Among the numerous entertainments given at this place was a most delightful Christmas party, given by Misses Fannie and Helen, of this place, who served hot chocolate, sandwiches and pickles were served at 12 o'clock.

Coal Development.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CRAB ORCHARD, VA., Jan. 7.—The different development companies are preparing their plans for the new year. Every movement points to a speedy renewed coal development here in Lee County, Va., and all over the State.

Messrs. Crittenden and Mulford, representing the Bureau of Forestry, were here looking over the lands of the Virginia Investment Company. These gentlemen are employed by the Bureau of Forestry of the United States and are on their first visit to this section of the country.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad has plans for a new line from the railroad up the North Fork to the George Hughes farm, and the Black Mountain Railroad Company has plans for a line from the line from there up Straight Creek in the pocket, to near the Darby Coal Company's mine in Giles County.

The Virginia Coal and Iron Company is now grading and extending their interstate railroad from Appomattox, Va., to Kelley View, up Roaring Fork of Powell's River, in Wise County, Va.

Filthy Lucre.
There is no other great nation which allows the circulation of dirty paper money as is the case in the United States. The trouble here is due to a lack of law to compel banks to have their bills redeemed. It is only necessary to send them to a subtreasury, and the government then pays the remainder of the expense. There are a sufficient number of subtreasuries to enable the banks to comply with the law without much expense. The government does nothing to stop the evil—Philadelphia Press.

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Mark-Down Suits, Coats and Furs.

THE WHOLE STORE JUST BRISTLES WITH BARGAINS.

A CLEAN sweep of every garment in stock. It makes no difference how late or how practical a style may be, everything must go: no regard for cost or original value. No reservation—no exception—it's a bargain-giving event that surpasses anything ever attempted in Richmond.

SUITS.

\$40.00 and \$35.00 Suits reduced to.....\$25.00
\$35.00 Suits reduced to.....\$20.00
\$25.00 Suits reduced to.....\$15.00
Blon Suits at half price.

FURS.

\$15.00 Blue Lynx Scarfs reduced to.....\$7.50
\$12.50 Blue Wolf Scarfs reduced to.....\$6.00
\$10.00 Natural Squirrel Collarettes reduced to.....\$5.00
\$10.00 Fox Scarfs reduced to.....\$7.48
\$5.00 Opossum Cluster Scarfs now.....\$3.48
All Muffs and Children's Fur reduced in same proportion.
\$45.00 Isabella Fox Peterine, satin lined, reduced to.....\$30.00
\$30.00 White Fox Stole reduced to.....\$15.00
\$5.00 Blended Mink Scarfs reduced to.....\$15.00

WRAPPERS.

Our entire stock of Flannelette and Percale Wrappers, prices \$1.25 to \$2.00, choice.....\$1.00

FUR COATS.

Our elegant assortment of reliable Furs at greatly reduced prices.
\$65.00 Near Seal Fur Coats, trimmed with real mink collar and revers, skinner satin lined; \$65.00 values reduced to.....\$50.00
\$45.00 Seal Coats, mink trimmed, reduced to.....\$35.00
\$35.00 Plain Seal Coats, perfectly matched skins, reduced to.....\$25.00
\$25.00 Seal Coats, skinner satin lined, reduced to.....\$15.00

JACKETS.

27-inch Covert Coats; \$20.00 Coats now.....\$12.50
42-inch Kersey Coats, street and evening shades; \$25.00 Coats reduced to.....\$15.00
27-inch Covert Coats; \$8.50 and \$7.50 Coats reduced to.....\$5.00
Covert and Kersey Coats, 27-inch and 30-inch length; \$15.00 and \$17.50 Coats now.....\$10.00
Children's Coats at half price.
\$12.50 Coats now.....\$7.50
\$10.00 Coats now.....\$6.00
\$8.50 Coats now.....\$5.00
\$6.00 Coats now.....\$3.50
\$3.48 Coats now.....\$2.50

SILK WAISTS.

Light Blue and White Silk Waists, slightly soiled, regardless of cost.
\$12.50, \$10.00 and \$7.50 Waists.....\$5.00
\$4.48 and \$5.00 Waists.....\$3.48
Odds and Ends.....\$2.50

BLOUSES.

All our Golf Blouses, at reduced prices.
\$3.48 and \$4.98 Blouses reduced to.....\$2.48
\$2.08 Blouses reduced to.....\$2.00
\$2.00 Blouses reduced to.....\$1.50

JACKETS.

42-inch Tourist Coats, Scotch mixtures; \$10.00 Coats reduced to.....\$5.98
27-inch Black Kersey Coats, medium and high weight; \$10.00 Coats reduced to.....\$5.98

Annual Sale of Women's and Children's Muslin Underwear.

DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED—Second Floor.

Every woman will be interested in this event, which affords the opportunity to refurnish her wardrobe for the season at much less than regular prices. The collection consists of Drawers, Petticoats, Gowns, Corset Covers, Chemise and Short Skirts. The materials are Nainsook, Cambric and Muslin; trimming are ribbons, laces and embroideries.

CORSET COVERS.

25c—For 39c splendid Cambric Covers, hemstitched, and three rows of tuck on lace.
12 1-2c—Tight-fitting Cambric Corset Covers.
50c—Several styles of Nainsook and Long Cloth Corset Covers, Val. lace insertions, with beading and ribbons; also lace flounce.
75c—Extra quality Long Cloth; also Nainsook Corset Covers, many with tucked backs, including ruffles for extending shirt waists.

GOWNS.

50c—Muslin and Cambric Gowns, prettily made and trimmed, and good 69c values.
75c—Fine Cambric and Muslin Gowns, yokes of tuck on insertion and tucks, also embroidery trimmed, V and high necks; good \$1.00 and \$1.25 values.
\$1.00—Plain and Lace Ribbon Trimmed Nainsook Gowns; good \$1.50 values.

DRAWERS.

25c—Cambric and Muslin Drawers, with hemstitched ruffles.
39c—Good 69c Cambric Drawers, an extraordinary good value.
50c—For 75c and 85c Cambric and Lawn Drawers, umbrella ruffles, with two clusters of tucks and durable tuck on and Val. insertions and flounce.
\$1.00—A good \$1.25 Drawer of fine cambric, with full umbrella ruffles, two rows of Val. insertion and flounce.

CHEMISE.

50c—For a good 69c Chemise, pretty trimmed, with embroidery edge.
\$1.00—For \$1.75 Nainsook and Cambric Drawers, with Val. lace and ribbon beading, lace trimmed skirts.
\$1.00—For \$2.50 Nainsook Chemise, pretty yokes of Val. lace insertions; Swiss embroidery insertions and lace edge, and lace on flounce.

SKIRTS.

75c—White Muslin Skirts, with tucked lawn and Spanish flounce, good \$1.00 value.
\$1.50—Good \$2.00 and \$2.50 Skirts, cambric tucked, umbrella ruffle, open embroidery flounce and cambric dust ruffle, insertions, cluster of tucks and flounces.

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.

12 1-2c—Children's Muslin Pants, tucked and hemstitched, 6 to 14 years.
39c to 75c—Children's Muslin Gowns, hemstitched yokes and ruffled neck and sleeve.
25c—For Children's Ferris Waists, made of cambric.
12 1-2c to 25c—Children's Plain Drawers Bodies.
25c—Children's Plain Skirts, pln tucked.

Silk Remnant and Odd and End Sale.

The great success we have with our special sales is because of the wonderful low prices and that the people have come to know that our say-so in the papers in our do-so in the store. Those who have waited for this sale to stock up for future uses will not be disappointed. All Remnants and Ends at LESS THAN HALF.

RAPID PACE OF SOCIETY WOMEN

The "Smart Set" of Cities and the "Exclusive Sets" of Smaller Towns—Hard Work of My Lady Beautiful in the Season. The Dressmaking Autocrat. Care of Children—Unfortunate Husbands.

By Margaret E. Sangster.

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SOMEWHAT done, the society of the term society is sufficiently correct for our present consideration. By society, which at this season touches its high-water mark, fast livable glitter and excitement, we mean those groups of people who have money enough and time enough to put work in the background and diversion in the foreground.

A few men in America belong to this company. Our men of largest means are our most energetic toilers. The owner of millions finds the care of his property a heavy burden, and he breaks down long hours of his coachman and his gardener are in their prime. The men, younger or older, who frequent society, go to its engagements in the late evening, after business and professional duties are over, and the affair, and the peculiar province of well-to-do American women. In the great cities, what is called the "smart set" is very much in evidence, its members are reported, and the names of its families are household words about town. Every one feels more or less acquainted with those who bear them. Society is not limited to the "smart set" in the smaller towns, which regard the ultra-fashionables with a degree of lofty condescension. In droves New England villages, in beautiful southern cities, in thriving places of the middle West, there are women of good family, who pride themselves on the traditions of long descent, and smile at the follies of the new rich, and their attitude is that of the old aristocracy in France toward the parvenus of Napoleon's regime.

Women ordain the ways of society. They preside at its functions, and their spirit pervades them, making it the fashion to have wild extravagance or serene simplicity as the dominant note of the hour.

To thousands of American women, many of them prominent in the society of the place in which they live, it can never seem a sensible and decorous thing, for example, to play cards in the daytime. They may have no objection to whatever is done as an amusement, but their consciences rebel at the waste of daylight over a card table. Thousands of other American women, on the other hand, with pride and gratification object to certain vicious practices, imported from abroad, which have crept into American society in some of its circles. To these

exercised a vigilant supervision over the children and their care-takers.

She may have a hospital board meeting or a committee at some society of municipal reform to visit first in the morning. From this, when My Lady Beautiful issues, she may go to a luncheon, then for a drive in the park, then home for a brief rest, after which come in swift succession teas, at homes, receptions, musicales, crowds and crushes of one sort or another, until there is barely time left to dress for dinner either at home or somewhere else. A quiet dinner on family is an exceptional pleasure in the height of the season. The same people dine with each other, in each other's houses, the same sumptuous dishes are served, the same regal tiaras and necklaces glitter, the same pomp and ceremony ensue in the same place, and all through the brilliant, glittering flying weeks, till by and by Lent mercifully calls a halt. Dinner over, there is the opera or the theatre; and a dance after either, and the wee small hours arrive before the society woman lays her tired head upon her pillow. She bears it, and it does not kill her, for if it grows too exhausting she slips out of it and goes to Florida or California. House parties in the country make for her a pleasant break. She has a door air and a chance to recuperate in a few days out of town.

The woman who retires late does not rise early. She may save herself that fatigue. John breakfasts alone. "I see John occasionally," said a New York woman last winter. "I make a point of seeing him once a week, or oftener, if I need money."

Of domesticity the poor man has so little that his club gets to be to him the refuge that the man at the other end of the social scale finds in the anonion. The banker, the broker, the lawyer, the merchant, the man who must keep business hours, is a sufferer who needs commiseration when the late hours of society are considered. The convenient privilege of the race-aloof at the proper time in proper quantities is denied him.

Society's hours for evening amusement are pushed on later and later, to the detriment of young men who cannot stay up all night and have clear heads or work next day. A reform which should make earlier hours practicable would be a boon to the younger men. The older men may shirk what they cannot amend, but the juniors are helpless and will remain until society women, rich and fashionable, ordain a new departure.

Enormous Wine Cellar.

The town of Epernay, in France, is a vast subterranean city, the streets for miles and miles being hewn out of the solid chalk, flanked with piles of champagne of all blends and qualities. There is no light in this labyrinth of streets, the darkness and turning, except that which the guttering candles afford. All is dark and damp, with the thermometer down about zero. The largest champagne manufacturers in Epernay possess underground cellars, which cover less than forty-five acres and contain \$500,000 worth of wine.

SOCIETY AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

By GRACE PORTER HOPKINS.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—Columbia held court on Monday, and the occasion overtopped all other events of the week.

According to the time-honored custom, foreign diplomats, their wives, daughters and staff, army and navy officers residing in Washington, members of the judicial and legislative branches of the government, and other officials call to greet the President and his wife on the first day of the year, but as January 1, 1905, came in on Sunday, the first official reception of the season was held a day later.

All the world loves a pretty woman, and half of it adores brass buttons and gold lace, so both classes should have been pleased at the showing made at the White House reception.

Foreign diplomats are noted for strict observance of time, and therefore at exactly 12 A. M. gaily equipped, and in the gold-laced garments denoting their rank and wealth, and further decorated with gorgeous medals presented to them for distinguished service, they assembled in the cloak rooms in the White House basement, laid off their wrappings and entered the drawing rooms, ready to be presented to the President in the Blue Room above.

Just as the United States Marine Band struck up the melody of international airs by which they were to proceed, the news of the fall of Fort Arthur was passed from one to another. But, nothing daunted, Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who, as dean of the diplomatic corps here, headed the procession, led the way and greeted the President, Mrs. Roosevelt and the ladies of the Cabinet as if nothing had happened to mar his New Year's joy.

Within the week the count celebrated the golden anniversary of his career as diplomat, and his bearing at the White House under the trying circumstances of national defeat was regarded by many as another evidence of ability in his chosen profession.

For seven years he has been the czar's personal representative in Washington, and on state occasions is attended by his niece and adopted daughter, Countess Margaret Cassini. In fact, so particular is he about her presence and place in line that on more than one occasion the powers that be have been put to their wits' end to avert international complications, owing primarily to the general rule that no one's daughter shall take precedence over a ranking diplomat's wife. Lord Pauncefote, the late ambassador from Great Britain, presided at the question and kept it to the front, until Count Cassini requested the czar to appoint the countess an ambassador—a title never before bestowed upon one with so few years to her credit. This fortunate young woman is a leader in the younger set, and her gown on important occasions are noted with an

interest not shared by her hats, which are frequently too bizarre to be affected by the well-bred American girl. Black cloth, combined with white lace, was her costume on New Year's Day, but her walking suit, with which she wears her famous furs of Russian sable.

The Austrian ambassador and Baroness Hengelmüller were hosts at the most elegant dinner of the week, given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hulzard, of New York. The handsome embassy of Franz Joseph, was still gay with the holly and mistletoe, and the poinsettia blossoms, and the French ambassador, without which no Christmas decoration is considered up-to-date. The guests included the French ambassador and Madame Jusserand, the Danish minister, Mr. Brun, the first secretary of the Netherlands legation and Baroness von Thyll, the naval attaché of the French embassy, and vicomte de Farmand, Mrs. Draper, vicomte de Chumbrin, of the French embassy, Miss Josephine Boardman, Miss Gwynne, Baron Giskra, Herr Rubidovich and Count Hoyos.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, who spent the holidays at Baltimore, N. C., were this week the guests of Senator and Mrs. Depew, at Corcoran house. From here they went to their home in New York, where on Saturday, they will give a dinner of fifty covers complimentary to the Austrian ambassador and Baroness Hengelmüller, who expect to sail for Europe immediately after the President's evening reception to the diplomatic corps.

This annual visit of the Hengelmüllers to their native land has formerly been regarded as a social monotony, and society is regretting the temporary closing of this hospitable embassy in the height of the season. Baroness Hengelmüller is one of the most beautiful women in Washington, being tall and dark, with the pink and white complexion of a girl, as well as the slight figure of a much younger woman. Her English is faultless, and her gown equally perfect. As a hostess she is surpassed by none and equalled by few. If she has a fid it is the care and training of her tiny daughter, Milla, to whom she gives much personal attention, and notes with a peculiar pride the child's progress in learning to speak the English language.

General and Mrs. Draper opened their season of dinner giving by entertaining in honor of Captain Kauffert, of the German navy, who is a guest at their K Street home for a few days. The company included the Russian ambassador, the Austrian ambassador and Baroness Hengelmüller, the Belgian minister, Baroness Moncheur, Mrs. McCormick, wife of the American ambassador to Russia, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Hleginson, the assistant secretary of State and Mrs. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, Mrs. Slater, the Misses Boardman, Miss Gwynne, Miss Patton, Mr. Glover, Mr. Weightman, Mr. Beckendorf, and Mr. George Draper, son of the host.

General and Mrs. Draper will entertain dinner companies January 10th and January 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pinchot and Mr.

Gifford Pinchot, chief of the United States Bureau of Forestry, held a brilliant reception on Wednesday evening in honor of the delegates to the American Forestry Commission, which has been in session here during the week. Wealth and culture were more largely represented on this occasion than at any previous event of the winter, and bon mots were exchanged at almost every turn.

Major-General Fraser, of the British army, has been one of the lionized guests of the week. On Friday he attended the exhibition drill at Fort Myer, Va., and was afterward the guest of Captain and Mrs. Edward Anderson, when the officers of the post were invited to meet him, and maids and matrons served tea.

The wedding anniversary of George and Martha Washington will be celebrated by the Potomac Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the home of Mrs. C. D. Merwin, on Vermont Avenue. The tea is for the benefit of "Continental Hall," which the Daughters hope will be ready for the spring meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution Congress. Mrs. Charles W. Vandervort, president of the National Society, with Mr. John Paul Earnest, president of the Sons of the Revolution, will receive, assisted by the regents of the district chapters.

Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, wife of the representative in Congress from the Fifth Virginia District, was at home on Tuesday for the first time this season, and despite the inclemency of the weather, had many callers. Receiving with Mrs. Swanson was her sister, Mrs. Cunningham Hall, of Richmond; Mrs. Wallace Dunn, of Washington; Mrs. Andrew F. Nash, of Alexandria; and Miss Jerdone, formerly of Charlottesville.

On Friday Mrs. Swanson entertained the Southern Shakespeare Club, when Professor A. R. Mayo gave an interesting talk on "Hamlet." Among those present were Mrs. John P. Rixey, Mrs. Henry Rixey, Mrs. Wallace Dunn, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. John Rankin, Mrs. F. Rankin, Mrs. John Rankin, Mrs. J. Rankin, Mrs. Mary Rixey and Miss Helen Morris.

Besides Miss Hochheim, of Culpeper, who will be their guest for the winter, Mrs. and Mrs. John F. Rixey are entertaining for the holidays their young nieces, Misses Franz and Lena Rixey, of Charlottesville.

Miss Lena and Miss Grace Anderson, of Alexandria, have been the house guests of Mrs. Swanson for several days, and while here are enjoying a round of safety planned by their hostess.

GRACE PORTER HOPKINS.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY ACTS ON NATURE'S PLAN.

For sale by all druggists.
The most successful medicines are those that act nature. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. Take it when you have a cold and it will allay the rough, relieve the lungs, aid expectoration, open the secretions, and aid nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its superior excellence. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.